

before they make up their mind about how they are going to vote on whatever rule is attached to the Defense Appropriations bill, I urge every Member to simply review line-by-line what it is that is being proposed. If they do, I think that you will find that the vast majority of members of both parties would recognize the substantive value of what it is we are trying to do. It just seems to me that that is our job.

I also want to point out again, lest anyone think we are trying to "bust the budget," each and every add-on to the homeland security package, each and every item in that bill contains as part of that item the following language: "Provided further that such amounts shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement, as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, is transmitted by the President to the Congress."

What that language means, Madam Speaker, is that if this money were to be provided, not a dime could be spent unless the President later agreed that each and every one of those items represented an emergency that needed to be funded. If, in the judgment of the President after reviewing our arguments, he decided that spending could wait for another day, that is the way it would be. He would maintain total control over the expenditures.

But we believe it is crucial to provide this, because we have talked to the FBI, the CIA, the National Security Agency, to many other agencies of government, and we are convinced that this is necessary for the good of the country.

We have stimulus packages floating around here being promoted by both parties. I will not comment on what I think of them. But the fact is that if we want to stimulate the economy, the number one requirement is to restore public confidence in our ability to travel and people's ability to go into public places without fear, and that is what we attempt to do. That could do more to restore economic confidence than virtually anything else this body will do.

So I urge each and every Member to review this. And I repeat, we are perfectly willing at any time to grant unanimous consent for that Defense bill to come up today or tomorrow, provided only that we have an opportunity to vote on these three amendments. Surely that is not too much to ask.

Madam Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the joint resolution, as follows:

H.J. RES. 74

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in

Congress assembled, That Public Law 107-44 is further amended by striking the date specified in section 107(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "December 7, 2001"; and by striking the date specified in section 123 and inserting in lieu thereof "December 1, 2001".

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GRUCCI) laid before the House the following communication from Ronald J. Norra, Pharmacist/Security Officer of the Office of Attending Physician:

OFFICE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN,
U.S. CAPITOL,
Washington, DC, November 15, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for production of documents issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

RONALD J. NORRA,
Pharmacist/Security Officer.

UNITED STATES ARCTIC RESEARCH PLAN BIENNIAL REVISION: 2002-2006—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Science:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984, as amended (15 U.S.C. 4108(a)), I transmit herewith the seventh biennial revision (2002-2006) to the United States Arctic Research Plan.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 15, 2001.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFazio) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFazio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks)

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MEL AND SUG HANCOCK ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GRUCCI). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I believe that all of us who are fortunate enough to serve in this House consider it a great privilege to do so, and we are very grateful to our constituents for giving us this privilege. I think most of us feel that the best part, the most gratifying part of our job is that we are able to help many people, and we receive many very kind thank you notes and letters. But certainly a close second is that we are each able to make some very close friendships with other Members from around the country, people we probably never would have met if we had never been able to serve in this House.

I consider myself very lucky to have become friends with former Congressman Mel Hancock of Missouri. Mel came to Congress just a short time after I did, and this was only because I was sworn in the day after the 1988 election, and he came in in January. I rise today to pay tribute to Mel because he and his wonderful wife, Sug, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Springfield, Missouri, this Sunday.

Mel was one of the best examples of a citizen legislator that I have ever known. He was as honest as it is possible to be. He was a straight shooter. He always told the truth. If he could not support a bill, he told the people who were for it that he could not support it. He was one man who was never swayed by any special interests. He was and is a patriotic man who loves this country. His life has been the American dream come true. He did not have everything handed to him on a silver platter. He lived and worked for a while, for about a year and a half, in my hometown of Knoxville as a representative of International Harvester; and he and Sug had a son born there in 1954. I guess I am glad that he left, though, because both of us could not have been elected to Congress if he had stayed there.

Mel started a bank security business and built that small business up from nothing to become one of the most successful small businesses in the State of Missouri. Probably from his small business background he became a staunch conservative, very much opposed to Federal rules and regulations and red tape, and absolutely horrified by waste and high taxes. He believed that the